(from Government & Non-Government including localised services) that may be needed by the local community.

Bailout-package of BSNL and MTNL

3126. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given a "bailout package" to BSNL and MTNL during the last three years;

(b) if so, how much amount as "bailout package" has been provided to these two PSUs in the last three years; and

(c) the basis of providing these bailout package and the details of utilization of such amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As BSNL and MTNL are profit making companies, the need for 'bailout package' for these companies has not arisen.

(b) and (c) Do not arisen in view of (a) above.

Criteria for Public PCO in Chhattisgarh

†3127. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that great difficulties are being faced in getting PCO allotted at Panchayat level in rural areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that irregularities are also being committed regarding the quality of sets given at the time of providing new connection; and

(d) if so, action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No difficulties are being faced in the allotment of Village public Telephones (VPTs) at Panchayat level in rural areas of Chhattisgarh.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.